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SUBJECT: US UTILITY PURCHASE OF NATURAL URANIUM
FROM URANEX

REF: STATE 144551

1. SEVERAL INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT RESULT IN THE
FOLLOWING: THE TREATY OF ROME OBLIGES FRANCE TO NOT
EXPORT ITS DOMESTICALLY-MINED URANIUM UNTIL IT
SATISFIES ANY AND ALL REQUESTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE COMMON MARKET: INDIGENOUS SOURCES OF ENERGY MUST
BE FIRST OFFERED TO OTHER COMMON MARKET MEMBERS BEFORE
BEING EXPORTED. THIS REQUIREMENT COVERS ONLY
DOMESTIC (FRENCH) SOURCES OF URANIUM AND DOES NOT
APPLY TO URANIUM MINED BY FRENCH FIRMS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES. THUS, FRENCH MINING ACTIVITIES IN GABON
OR IN NIGER ARE FREE OF ANY OBLIGATIONS TO THE COMMON
MARKET AND MAY SELL URANIUM TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE
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COMMON MARKET WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

2. THE CURRENT CEA VIEW IS THAT URANIUM SOURCES ARE LIMITED AND THAT FRANCE IS BEST SERVED BY CONSERVING ITS URANIUM RESOURCES FOR ITS OWN USE. IN ANY EVENT, CEA WOULD PREFER TO SELL URANIUM AND/OR FUEL CYCLE SERVICES TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE COMMON MARKET AS THIS OFFERS A BETTER SALES OPPORTUNITY FOR FRENCH REACTORS. THUS, WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO DEFINITIVE PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, IT APPEARS THAT FRANCE WILL BE WILLING TO SELL ITS FOREIGN-MINED URANIUM TO OTHERS AND CHARGE ACCORDINGLY.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC COMMENT MADE ON THE INCREASE IN PRICE REFERRED TO IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM OTHER THAN THE GENERAL OBSERVATION THAT THE COST OF MINING URANIUM HAS INCREASED EVERYWHERE.
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